



REMINDER

Friday 16 November –
Assembly presented by
Room 4

BREAKFAST CAFE

Mon – Fri

8.10am-8.30am

FACTION FRIDAYS

Early Close

Thursdays 2.30pm

From the Principal's Desk

Dear parents and care givers

Bee swarms

It is that time of year when the bees start to swarm. Unfortunately we seem to be a haven for swarms and get them forming fairly regularly. Every time they arrive we have them taken away to be rehomed. I am asking that you talk to your children about the dangers of throwing sticks at resting swarms. The bees get confused and agitated when this happens and unhappy bees will sting more readily than those in a resting swarm. We have several students at the school who are severely allergic to bee venom and want to avoid having the bees flying around as much as possible.

Litter

We are trying to keep the school as tidy as possible and to this end we are constantly reminding the children to pick up litter after themselves. Most of the litter is the plastic packaging that goes around the foodstuffs they bring for lunch. I would be most grateful if you would consider what goes in your child's lunch box and remove any unnecessary packaging before it comes to school. Please help us improve the environment around our wonderful school.

Hats

Hats must be worn outside during every term at Northam Primary School, winter or summer. As the sun is getting stronger it is even more important to adhere to this. Please make sure your child has a hat to wear. Without a hat, your child will be required to stay under hard cover and will not be allowed to play on the ovals or in the nature play area during recess and lunch breaks. If you do not have a hat, school hats are available from the office.

Named clothing

When the weather warms up our pile of lost property grows. We have jackets and jumpers galore. Please take the time to write your child's name on each piece of clothing that they are likely to remove when at school (hats, jumpers, jackets). If there is a name on the clothing we always take the time to find out what class the owner is in and return the item. Unfortunately the vast majority of clothing in our lost property pile is unnamed.

Remembrance Day

November 11th is the 100th anniversary of Remembrance Day. The children have been learning about the history of Remembrance Day, what it stands for and so on. As the actual day is on a Sunday this year we will be observing a minute silence on Monday 12th.

The only way to have a friend is to be one. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Amanda Jones-Rowbottom
Principal

Honour Certificates

Room A	Michael Mitchell	Kalena Keefe
Room B	Georgia Dinka	
Room 1	Dusty Peacock	Zyren Irlandez
Room 2	Janya Ruangyuth	
Room 3	Henry Paynter	Aiven Edubos
Room 4	Chloe Vinson	Matthew Oliver KC Sean Nemis
Room 5	Curtis Podmore	
Room 6	Harry Harper	Ashton Oliver
Room 7	Asha Smith	Toby Lance
Room 8	Zane Clements	Robyn Healy
Room 10	Kyren Hunt	Seth Burges
Room 11		
Room 13	Chris Rowney	Imogen Mawer Jaxon Austin-Burns
Science	Room 5	
Phys Ed	Room 3	
Music	Room 6	
Italian	Room B	
Tidy Bag Award		Room 6
Dustpan Award		Room 7

Breakfast Cafe

The breakfast cafe is really in need of donations of Butter / margarine and fruit. If you could see your way clear to slipping a container of butter or a bag of fruit into your weekly shop that would be great. Breakfast Cafe is regularly providing food to around 40 students a day. Any donations can be given to Mrs Flint. We are also reminding children that when they come to breakfast cafe to eat they must remain at breakfast cafe until they have finished. This is a great opportunity for children to socialise in a café type setting.



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated paper towel to Kindy and Pre primary!

Also, thank you to Steve and Fiona for your generous donation to the Breakfast Cafe.

Science News

In Term 3 Rooms 10 and 11 planted broad beans, broccoli and potatoes in the science garden beds. Classes were able to munch on broccoli at the end of Term 3 and this week in science Year 2's got to harvest the broad beans and potatoes. They had to dig up the potatoes, wash them, then wrap them in alfoil. We then cooked them in the oven.



School Survey

Most of you will remember that every two years, we ask parents to complete a survey to help guide us with our future planning and improvement. All parents are asked to complete the survey once only. Simply click on the link

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/H3fTqMba>

Staff and students in year 5 and 6 will also be completing a survey online. Students will be given timetabled time during class to complete. The survey will be open for completion from today and will stay open until 4pm on Monday 12th November. Parents/carers who do not have an online facility at home are welcome to collect a hard copy from the office. Your responses will be subsequently entered online by Mrs Julie Purslowe MCS.

ON OUR FITNESS TRACK

This week on Thursday morning, the year 6 students are on the fitness track. They participated in a number of sporting stations on the small school oval. Each station had a different activity such as burpees, hurdles, a climbing wall and sit-ups which students could choose from. This week saw the addition of skipping. Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done year 6, your fitness level is increasing every day.



Year 6 Transition to NSHS

On Tuesday 30th October, our year 6 students along with Mrs Miles and Miss Wiese visited Northam Senior High School for a taste test of high school. Upon arriving at the school, our students were greeted by staff and year 10 students. We were treated to some role playing by the year 7s and also an art lesson using sticks, ink and water. All had a wonderful time exploring the life of a high schooler and look forward to the next few visits



P&C News

Everyone involved with the P&C hope you all enjoyed the lapathon. Our special guests, Northam Fire and Rescue provided loads of foam, water and fun. Thanks again to Scott Horlin and his colleagues for attending the lapathon. If everyone could return their sponsorship earned to the front office by next Friday 9th November, it would be greatly appreciated. Lapathon icy pole class raffle winners will be drawn after 9th November.

Also thank you to everyone who came to the Scholastic Book Fair, funds we raise here are going toward the Lit Pro program which is currently being implemented by Mrs Hayes and Mrs Giles in the school library, more details to come.

On Wednesday 21st November is the P&C Annual General Meeting. All P&C positions will be declared open and anyone can nominate. So if you are interested in standing for: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Co-Ordinator, Bookclub Co-ordinator, Canteen Representative or are interested in to see what happens at a meeting, please come along.

The P&C in conjunction with the school, is again planning for the Year 6 Leavers ceremony and Dinner. We are in dire need of helpers, particularly from parents of current year 5 students – traditionally the Year 5 parents help out at the functions so year 6 parents can enjoy the graduation. Although any parents from any class at the school are very welcome to help. Please contact Cindy Clements on 0417 993 358 for details.

Busy Bee

We are in the process of “Freshening Up” the school and improving facilities.

One of the major tasks is to clean out and move around the sheds and storage areas in the school.

Afternoons that have been timetabled are

Monday 12th November & Wednesday 14th November commencing 3.30pm.

If you have some spare time and would like to help out please see P&C facebook page or let school office know.

No Children please

Term Calendar

Term 4			
Week 6	Friday 16 th November	Assembly	Presented by Room 4 Commences 9.00am
Week 7	Wednesday 21 st November	P&C AGM	Commences 7pm
Week 8	Monday 26 Nov-Friday 30 Nov	Interm Swimming	Rooms A, B, 2, 5 & 7
	Tuesday 27 th November	School Council Meeting	3.15pm Library
	Friday 30 th November	Year 4-6 Cricket Carnival	
Week 9	Monday 3 Dec – Fri 7 Dec	Interm Swimming	Rooms A, B, 2, 5 & 7
	Tuesday 4 th December	School Presentation Evening	K -6
	Wednesday 5 th December	Kindy Presentation	
Week 10	Monday 10 th December	Year 6 Leavers Presentation	
	Thursday 13 th December	Last Day term	

Vac Swim

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim programs are held at pools and beaches all across Western Australia. No matter where you are planning to spend these summer holidays, your children can take part in VacSwim.

VacSwim is for all children – from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation. Your children can start as young as five years old

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming. Enrolments close in November 2018. Specific closing dates for different VacSwim programs are on our [website](#). Parents can enrol their children [online](#) or by contacting Swimming and Water Safety

DENTAL THERAPY

The Dental Therapy Unit has ceased using the landline. They can now only be contacted via:

0458 644 530

With Christmas not too far around the corner we would like to remind parents that the **School Dental Therapy Centre is closed over the Christmas holidays for up to 5 weeks. Closed from and including 24th December 2018 to 28th January 2019. Reopen 29th January 2019.**

Dental Van stops include Wundowie Primary School, Toodyay District High School and we have our fixed clinic at Northam.

We expect the van will be on site at Wundowie early next year. If it has been some time since you visited us your contact information may have changed and we may not be able to reach you to offer your child or children dental appointments. If you think your details may have changed please contact us on **0458 644 530** or email us at NorthamDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au.

The School Dental Service is a FREE service for enrolled school children.

Children are eligible from pre-primary to the end of year 11 or age 17 whichever comes first

COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking for a great night out??

Bakers Hill Primary School P&C will be hosting a "Class on the Grass" concert featuring "Rum Jungle" on 10 November 7.30pm to midnight. Tickets are \$20 each and cover entry, entertainment and a light supper. Available from Bakers Hill Primary School office. All proceeds go to the Nature Playground at the school.



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Northam Swimming Club

An information night for all new, current and interested swimmers and families will be held on Friday 2 November from 5.00-6.30pm at the Northam Swimming Club Rooms, Northam Swimming Pool. ****Please wear your club shirt if you have one****

A sausage sizzle is available.